# TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

TO

# THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER

ON THE WORKING OF THE

# PUBLIC FREE LIBRARIES.

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## 1876-77.

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# REPORT, 1876-7.

*To the Council of the City of Manchester.*

The Public Free Libraries Committee present the following Report:—

In presenting the twenty-fifth Report on the working of the Public Free Libraries, your Committee have to record the closing of the Campfield Library on the 10th March, in consequence of the dangerous condition of the building. The weakness of the structure, which had for some time been apparent, became so serious that the City Surveyor declined to guarantee the safety of the building any longer, and urged the immediate removal of the books before it became too unsafe for anyone to do so. The permission of the Mayor having been obtained for placing the books in the vacant rooms at the back of the old Town Hall, their removal was effected between the 16th and 24th March. On the 25th April the Council authorised the occupation of the old Town Hall by the Reference Library. Estimates were at once procured for the necessary alterations, and tenders were accepted for the joiners' and painters' work. The joiners' strike, however, has greatly interfered with the progress of the work. Great efforts have been made by the Committee to get the rooms prepared for the shelving and arrangement of the books, but there is little prospect of this being done before the new year.

Your Committee have searched for premises in the Deansgate district for a temporary Lending Library and Newsroom. They have, however, failed to find any. They hope in the early part of the coming year to submit to the Council a scheme for the erection of a Lending Library and Newsroom for the Campfield district, near the former site.

The building of the new Branch Library in Cheetham is approaching completion, and before the end of the year it is expected that the Library will be removed to its new home.

Owing to the closing of the Campfield Libraries, the issues, both in the Reference and Lending Department, fall below those of the preceding year. The number of volumes read in the Reference Library during the 155 days it was open was 34,906, against 58,718 in the previous year of 298 days. Assuming that the daily average of issues in the year just closed would be kept up, the total number would have been 67,109, or an advance of 8,391 volumes.

Of Specifications of Patents there were 72,421 issued, against 74,868 in the preceding year. In the Lending Libraries the total number of volumes borrowed was 513,019, as compared with 548,139 in the previous year. Taken singly, the Lending Libraries show an increase in the respective totals,—from 95,477 to 97,655 at the Rochdale Road Branch; from 88,665 to 91,136 at Ancoats, and from 166,785 to 176,415 at Hulme. At Chorlton the issues have decreased from 180,494 to 175,193, and at Cheetham from 66,129 to 63,215. In respect to the character of reading there has been an increase in the classes—History, Politics, and Higher Literature, and a decrease in Works of Fiction, Theology, and Science. The number of times the Libraries have been used by borrowers during the year was 439,064, and by readers in the Reference Library and Branch Reading Rooms 149,219. The number of visits made by persons who have used the Newsrooms, as calculated from the numbers periodically recorded, amount to 1,528,500, making an aggregate of upwards of two millions (2,116,773) visits paid to the Free Libraries and Newsrooms during the year.

The number of volumes now in the Libraries is 137,401, of which 80,921 are in the Lending, and 56,480 in the Reference Department. The number of new acquisitions has been 3,325 volumes purhased and 484 presented, or a total of 3,809 vols. (exclusive of 955 pamphlets). The books withdrawn from the Lending Library stock, as worn out, have amounted to 2,121, thus reducing the net increase during the year to 1,688 volumes.

On behalf of the Committee,

Thomas Baker, *Chairman.*

Town Hall, October 23rd, 1877.

# GENERAL SUMMARY.

## Table I.

*Number of Volumes in the Libraries at the end of each year since the Foundation.*

| | Reference Library. | Lending Department. | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Year, 1852-53 | 15744 | 7195 | 22939 |
| 2nd " 1853-54 | 19198 | 7546 | 26744 |
| 3rd " 1854-55 | 20048 | 8213 | 28261 |
| 4th " 1855-56 | 22563 | 10010 | 32573 |
| 5th " 1856-57 | 25858 | 10029 | 35887 |
| 6th " 1857-58 | 25201 | 18405 | 43666 |
| 7th " 1858-59 | 27846 | 23394 | 51240 |
| 8th " 1859-60 | 29502 | 24243 | 53745 |
| 9th " 1860-61 | 30462 | 26092 | 56554 |
| 10th " 1861-62 | 31604 | 28743 | 60347 |
| 11th " 1862-63 | 31873 | 30282 | 62155 |
| 12th " 1863-64 | 33507 | 31861 | 65368 |
| 13th " 1864-65 | 35133 | 33077 | 68210 |
| 14th " 1865-66 | 38426 | 39318 | 77744 |
| 15th " 1866-67 | 39264 | 44705 | 83969 |
| 16th " 1867-68 | 39971 | 46473 | 86444 |
| 17th " 1868-69 | 41495 | 50860 | 92355 |
| 18th " 1869-70 | 43680 | 57256 | 100936 |
| 19th " 1870-71 | 45093 | 60573 | 105666 |
| 20th " 1871-72 | 46614 | 72462 | 119076 |
| 21st " 1872-73 | 50508 | 76584 | 127092 |
| 22nd " 1873-74 | 52540 | 78395 | 130935 |
| 23rd " 1874-75 | 53821 | 79066 | 132887 |
| 24th " 1875-76 | 55273 | 80440 | 135713 |
| 25th " 1876-77 | 56480 | 80921 | 137401 |

## Table II.

*Annual issues from each Library for each Year since the commencement.*

| Year. | Reference Library. | Lending Libraries. | | | | | | Annual Total. | Daily Average of the Aggregate Issue. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Campfield. | Hulme. | Ancoats. | Rochdale Road. | Chorlton. | Cheetham. | | |
| 1st. 1852-53 | 61080 | 77232 | Commenced Nov. 23, 1857. | Commenced Dec. 7, 1857. | Commenced June 4, 1860. | Commenced October 8, 1866. | Commenced January 29, 1872. | 138312 | 461 |
| 2nd. 1853-54 | 64578 | 77767 | | | | | | 142345 | 488 |
| 3rd. 1854-55 | 66261 | 81321 | | | | | | 147582 | 495 |
| 4th. 1855-56 | 70770 | 85783 | | | | | | 156553 | 523 |
| 5th. 1856-57 | 101991 | 96117 | | | | | | 198108 | 666 |
| 6th. 1857-58 | 122772 | 98351 | 50129 | 38058 | | | | 309310 | 1131 |
| 7th. 1858-59 | 115206 | 75449 | 67231 | 47626 | | | | 305512 | 1036 |
| 8th. 1859-60 | 123084 | 74423 | 64598 | 47358 | 14366 | | | 323829 | 1250 |
| 9th. 1860-61 | 142433 | 78464 | 77395 | 51532 | 59194 | | | 409018 | 1371 |
| 10th. 1861-62 | 162496 | 100776 | 91763 | 55269 | 70061 | | | 480365 | 1611 |
| 11th. 1862-63 | 145958 | 121968 | 95967 | 59181 | 75472 | | | 498546 | 1667 |
| 12th. 1863-64 | 117166 | 98267 | 88988 | 56091 | 68494 | | | 429306 | 1435 |
| 13th. 1864-65 | 112026 | 96144 | 95687 | 54535 | 76556 | | | 434748 | 1454 |
| 14th. 1865-66 | 133066 | 84187 | 94183 | 45508 | 75606 | | | 432500 | 1485 |
| 15th. 1866-67 | 194349 | 88675 | 155555 | 41936 | 88602 | 105315 | | 674432 | 2302 |
| 16th. 1867-68 | 262446 | 95308 | 167349 | 56246 | 94445 | 133890 | | 809684 | 2772 |
| 17th 1868-69 | 318563 | 97951 | 165302 | 68444 | 96020 | 147368 | | 893648 | 3088 |
| 18th. 1869-70 | 307395 | 106416 | 172718 | 65534 | 114670 | 148155 | | 914888 | 3119 |
| 19th. 1870-71 | 263641 | 125962 | 175776 | 72913 | 98725 | 180146 | | 917163 | 3165 |
| 20th. 1871-72 | 203756 | 118094 | 172169 | 79319 | 103753 | 188147 | 41173 | 906311 | 3186 |
| 21st. 1872-73 | 184554 | 115657 | 161660 | 88112 | 130408 | 199970 | 63347 | 943708 | 3199 |
| 22nd. 1873-74 | 151700 | 108342 | 172312 | 86334 | 111492 | 189145 | 69954 | 889279 | 3045 |
| 23rd. 1874-75 | 161599 | 94834 | 167516 | 86918 | 99974 | 180390 | 68476 | 859707 | 2904 |
| 24th. 1875-76 | 133586 | 92579 | 166785 | 88665 | 95477 | 180494 | 66129 | 823715 | 2764 |
| 25th. 1876-77 | 107327 | 40972 | 176415 | 91136 | 97655 | 175193 | 63215 | 751913 | 2984 |

## REFERENCE LIBRARY, KING STREET,

ESTABLISHED AT CAMPFIELD, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 1852.

Open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Any Person, by filling up a Ticket provided for the purpose, may obtain Books to peruse in the Reading-room. No Book is permitted to be taken therefrom under any circumstances.

*No. of Vols. in the Library.*

| Theology and Philosophy. | History, Travels, &c. | Politics and Commerce. | Science and Arts. | Literature and Polygraphy | Specifications of Patents. | Not yet Classed and Duplicates. | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4,843 | 14,807 | 9,578 | 7,271 | 15,441 | 3,904 | 636 | 56,480 |

*No. of Readers during the Year (155 days).*

| Theology and Philosophy. | History, Travels, &c. | Politics and Commerce. | Science and Arts. | Literature and Polygraphy. | Specifications of Patents. | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1,510 | 3,571 | 3,827 | 4,950 | 7,826 | 480 | 22,164 |

*No. of Issues during the Year (155 days).*

BOOKS.

| Theology and Philosophy. | History, Travels, &c. | Politics and Commerce. | Science and Arts. | Literature and Polygraphy. | Total No. of Vols. | Daily Average. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2,562 | 5,769 | 6,104 | 8,262 | 12,209 | 34,906 | 225 |

PATENTS.

Number of Specifications consulted ..... 72,421

*Aggregate Issues.*

Books and Specifications of Patents ..... 107,327

No. of Vols. added ..... 1,347

No. of Vols. bound or repaired ..... 1,031

## LIST OF TRANSACTIONS, PERIODICALS, SERIALS, & NEWSPAPERS IN PROGRESS IN THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Aberdeen University Calendar
Academy
Agricultural Gazette
Alliance News (presented)
All the Year Round
Almanach de Gotha
Alpine Journal
American Annals of Deaf and Dumb
American Journal of Science and Art
American Library Journal
Annals of Natural History
Archæological Journal
Architect
Army List, Hart's
Army and Navy Gazette
Art Journal
Astronomical Register
Athenæum
Atlantic Monthly
Australasian (presented)
Ballad Society Publications
Band of Hope Treasury (presented)
Ben Brierley's Journal
Bibliotheca Sacra
Blackwood's Magazine
Bookseller
Bradshaw's Railway Manual
British Almanac
British Architect (presented)
British Postal Guide
British Quarterly Review
Builder
Building News
Bulletin of the Boston Public Library (presented)
Cambridge University Calendar
Camden Society Publications
Canadian Patent Office Record (presented)
Capital and Labour (presented)
Chambers of Commerce Chronicle (presented)
Chambers' Journal
Chaucer Society Publications
Chemical News
Chetham Society Publications
Church of the People (presented)
Clerical Directory
Colliery Guardian
Commissioners of Patents' Publications (presented)
Contemporary Review
Coöperative News
Cope's Tobacco Plant (presented)
Cornhill Magazine
Curtis's Botanical Magazine
Daily News
Daily Telegraph
Deutsche Rundschau
Dietetic Reformer (presented)
Dingler's Polytechnisches Journal
Dublin Review
Dublin University Calendar
Durham University Calendar
EarlyEnglish Text Society's Publications
Ditto ditto extra series
Economist
Edinburgh Review
Edinburgh University Calendar
Educational Times
Engineer
Engineering
English Dialect Society Publications
English Mechanic
Englishman
Entomologist's Monthly Magazine
Examiner, London
Financial Reformer (presented)
Florist and Pomologist
Fortnightly Review
Fraser's Magazine
Free Lance
Free Sunday Advocate (presented)
Gardener's Chronicle
Gentleman's Magazine
Geographical Magazine
Geographical Society's Quarterly Journal
Glasgow University Calendar
Guardian, London
Hakluyt Society Publications
Hansard's Parliamentary Debates
Hardwicke's Science Gossip
Herald of Peace (presented)
Holbein Society Publications
Hongkong Government Gazette (presented)
Horological Journal
Illustrated Australian News (presented)
Inquirer (presented)
Intellectual Repository (presented)
Iron
John Bull
Journal des Economistes
Journal of Applied Science
Journal of Botany
Journal of Gas-Lighting
Journal of the Anthropological Institute (presented)
Journal of the Chemical Society
Journal of the East India Association (presented)
Journal of the Franklin Institute
Journal of the House of Lords (presented)
Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute
Journal of the Royal Agricultural Society (presented)
Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society (presented)
Journal of the Royal Geographical Society (presented)
Journal of the Society of Arts (presented)
Journal of the Statistical Society of London
Lancet
Law List
Leader, Melbourne (presented)
Liverpool Mercury
London Gazette

London, Edinburgh, and Dublin Philosophical Magazine
London Quarterly Review
London University Calendar
Longman's Notes on Books (presented)
Low's English Catalogue of Books
Macmillan's Magazine
Manchester and Salford Official Manual
Manchester and Salford Sanitary Assosiation Returns (presented)
Manchester City Jackdaw
Manchester City Lantern
Manchester City News
Manchester Council Proceedings
Manchester Courier
Manchester Critic
Manchester Diocesan Directory
Manchester Evening News
Manchester Evening Mail
Manchester Examiner and Times
Manchester Guardian
Manchester Scientific and Mechanical Society Publications (presented)
Manchester Weekly Post
Manchester Weekly Times
Medical Directory
Medium and Daybreak (presented)
Mind
Mining Journal
Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica
Month
Monthly Homœopathic Review (presented)
Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (presented)
Musical Standard
Musical Times
Nature
Nautical Almanac
Navy List
New Shakspeare Society Publications
Newman's Entomologist
Newspaper Press Directory
Nineteenth Century
North American Review
Notes and Queries
Owens College Calendar (presented)
Oxford University Calendar
Palæontological Society Publications
Pall Mall Gazette
Papers of the Manchester Literary Club (presented)
Pharmaceutical Journal
Phonetic Journal
Phonographic Reporter
Popular Science Review
Portfolio
Proceedings and Memoirs of the Literary and Philosophical Society of Manchester (presented)
Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society (presented)
Proceedings of the Royal Institution (presented)
Proceedings of the Zoological Society (presented)
Publisher's Circular
Quarterly Journal of Microscopical Science
Quarterly Journal of Science
Quarterly Review
Ray Society Publications
Reliquary
Revue Bibliographique Universelle
Revue Celtique
Revue des deux Mondes
Revista de Espana
Rivista Europea
Ruskin's Fors Clavigera
Salford Chronicle
Salford Weekly News
Saturday Review
School Board Chronicle
Scientific American
Shorthand Magazine
Smithsonian Institute Publications (presented)
Social Reformer (presented)
South Australian Gazette (presented)
Spectator
Spencer Society Publications
Standard
Statistics of the Colony of Victoria (presented)
Surtees Society Publications
Symons's Meteorological Magazine
Tablet
Temple Bar
Theological Review
Times
Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire (presented)
Transactions of the Manchester Geological Society (presented)
Transactions of the National Association for the Promotion of Social Science (presented)
Transactions of the Royal Society of Literature (presented)
Transactions of the Society of Biblical Archæology (presented)
Transactions of the Statistical Society of Manchester (presented)
Trübner's American and Oriental Literary Record (presented)
Ulula: Grammar School Magazine
Unitarian Herald (presented)
Westminster Review
Whitaker's Almanac
Woman's Suffrage Journal (presented)
Year Book of Facts
Zoologist

## LENDING DEPARTMENT.

The Lending department consists of Six Libraries. Books for home reading may be obtained on the production of a borrower's card, which is given to any person in exchange for a written engagement, signed according to the regulations, for the safe return of the books. Borrowers may obtain books from 8-30 a.m. till 9-0 p.m. every library-day except Saturday, when the issue ceases at 5-0 p.m.

A News-room is attached to each Lending Library, open free to the public for the use of the newspapers and periodicals, from 8-30 a.m. till 9-0 p.m. Books may be obtained for perusal in the News-rooms by any person signing a Reading-room ticket. Books so obtained must be returned before leaving the room.

*Name, Locality, and Date of Establishment of each Library.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Campfield | Byrom-street | 2nd Sept., 1852. |
| Hulme | Stretford-road | 23rd Nov., 1857. |
| Ancoats | Every-street | 7th Dec., 1857. |
| Rochdale-road | Livesey-street | 4th June, 1860. |
| Chorlton and Ardwick | Rusholme-road | 6th Oct., 1866. |
| Cheetham | York-street, Cheetham | 29th Jan., 1872. |

*Number of Volumes in each Library.*

| Class. | Campfield. | Hulme. | Ancoats. | Rochdale Road. | Chorlton and Ardwick. | Cheetham. | Totals. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Theology and Philosophy | 1064 | 706 | 711 | 641 | 720 | 661 | 4503 |
| History, Biography, &c. | 5615 | 4136 | 3946 | 3567 | 4011 | 2001 | 23276 |
| Politics and Commerce | 1155 | 359 | 272 | 478 | 323 | 350 | 2937 |
| Science and Art | 2271 | 1966 | 1679 | 1713 | 1584 | 1417 | 10630 |
| Literature and Polygraphy | 5578 | 3823 | 3231 | 2654 | 4227 | 1979 | 21492 |
| Embossed Books for the Blind. | 54 | 21 | 25 | 22 | 20 | ... | 142 |
| Works of Fiction | 2843 | 2590 | 3826 | 4335 | 2807 | 1540 | 17941 |
| Totals | 18580 | 13601 | 13690 | 13410 | 13692 | 7948 | 80921 |

*Number of Books Added, Bound, Withdrawn, or Replaced.*

| Class. | Added. | Bound or Repaired. | Withdrawn as Worn out. | Worn out Books Replaced. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Campfield | 91 | 735 | ... | 288 |
| Hulme | 262 | 892 | 919 | 362 |
| Ancoats | 306 | 406 | 376 | 254 |
| Rochdale Road | 216 | 304 | 204 | 1 |
| Chorlton and Ardwick | 323 | 703 | 456 | 236 |
| Cheetham | 201 | 612 | 166 | 62 |
| Totals | 1399 | 3652 | 2121 | 1203 |

*No. of Vols. issued to Borrowers for Home Reading during the Year.*

| | Theology and Philosophy. | History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels. | Politics and Commerce. | Science and Art. | General Literature. | Fiction. | Books for the Blind. | Totals. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Campfield | 1219 | 5051 | 430 | 3078 | 7659 | 17280 | ... | 34717 |
| Hulme | 3296 | 13954 | 582 | 8521 | 21427 | 79054 | 36 | 126870 |
| Ancoats | 1295 | 12236 | 348 | 4991 | 13476 | 42695 | 3 | 75044 |
| Rochdale Road | 1637 | 10342 | 635 | 4556 | 9897 | 55327 | 6 | 82400 |
| Chorlton and Ardwick | 5899 | 35412 | 1785 | 9277 | 27607 | 53562 | 17 | 133559 |
| Cheetham | 1490 | 5608 | 558 | 3613 | 9356 | 39804 | ... | 60429 |
| Totals | 14836 | 82603 | 4338 | 34036 | 89422 | 287722 | 62 | 513019 |

*No. of Vols. used in the Reading Room of each Library during the Year.*

| | Theology and Philosophy. | History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels. | Politics and Commerce. | Science and Art. | General Literature. | Fiction. | Totals. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Campfield | 88 | 466 | 501 | 414 | 4231 | 555 | 6255 |
| Hulme | 569 | 6514 | 312 | 4422 | 31022 | 6706 | 49545 |
| Ancoats | 190 | 1216 | 139 | 1250 | 11130 | 2167 | 16092 |
| Rochdale Road | 255 | 1064 | 347 | 1005 | 3634 | 8950 | 15255 |
| Chorlton and Ardwick | 906 | 5214 | 748 | 4377 | 10123 | 20266 | 41634 |
| Cheetham | 62 | 187 | 85 | 254 | 1724 | 474 | 2786 |
| Totals | 2070 | 14661 | 2132 | 11722 | 61864 | 39118 | 131567 |

*Number of times each Library has been used during the Year.*

| | Days open. | By Readers. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | At home. | Daily Average. | In the Reading Room. | Daily Average. |
| Campfield | 154 | 29933 | 185 | 6177 | 40 |
| Hulme | 286 | 107449 | 376 | 48964 | 171 |
| Ancoats | 297 | 62181 | 209 | 15409 | 52 |
| Rochdale Road | 296 | 65165 | 220 | 14343 | 47 |
| Chorlton and Ardwick | 283 | 120725 | 427 | 39435 | 139 |
| Cheetham | 297 | 53611 | 181 | 2731 | 9 |
| Totals | ... | 439064 | ... | 127059 | ... |

*Borrowers' Cards.*

| | Issued during the year. | Cancelled. | Transferred. | Remaining in force. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Campfield | 996 | 1372 | 104 | 5026 |
| Hulme | 2861 | 2723 | 106 | 6862 |
| Ancoats | 1600 | 1379 | 48 | 5035 |
| Rochdale Road | 1988 | 1941 | 41 | 5212 |
| Chorlton and Ardwick | 2548 | 2578 | 153 | 6976 |
| Cheetham | 1272 | 1057 | 58 | 3734 |
| Totals | 11265 | 11050 | 510 | 32845 |

*Number of times persons have used the Newsrooms during the weeks ending February* 17*th*, 1877, *and August* 25*th*, 1877.

| | Campfield. | | Hulme. | | Ancoats. | | Rochdale Road. | | Chorlton. | | Cheetham. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Feb. | Aug. | Feb. | Aug. | Feb. | Aug. | Feb. | Aug. | Feb. | Aug. | Feb. | Aug. |
| Monday | 1703 | Closed. | 1066 | 1205 | 1068 | 958 | 1121 | 756 | 1311 | 1221 | 586 | 667 |
| Tuesday | 1448 | | 1019 | 1201 | 977 | 863 | 909 | 664 | 1196 | 1203 | 580 | 545 |
| Wednesday | 1395 | | 1147 | 1254 | 906 | 881 | 833 | 825 | 1437 | 1310 | 496 | 603 |
| Thursday | 1525 | | 1058 | 1133 | 883 | 795 | 756 | 691 | 1327 | 1236 | 557 | 543 |
| Friday | 1469 | | 1092 | 1180 | 869 | 753 | 798 | 482 | 1296 | 1201 | 514 | 518 |
| Saturday | 1270 | | 958 | 1037 | 609 | 588 | 497 | 972 | 1211 | 1196 | 530 | 560 |
| Totals | 8810 | | 6340 | 7010 | 5312 | 4838 | 4914 | 4390 | 7778 | 7367 | 3263 | 3436 |
| Daily averages | 1468 | | 1057 | 1168 | 885 | 806 | 819 | 732 | 1296 | 1228 | 544 | 573 |

| *Periodicals and Newspapers taken at the Lending Libraries.* | Campfield. No. of Copies. | Hulme. No. of Copies. | Ancoats. No. of Copies. | Rochdale Road. No. of Copies. | Chorlton. No. of Copies. | Cheetham. No. of Copies. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUARTERLY. | | | | | | |
| British Quarterly Review | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Dublin Review | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Edinburgh Review | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| London Quarterly Review | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Popular Science Review | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | 1 |
| Quarterly Journal of Science | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Quarterly Review | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Sunday Review | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | ... |
| Westminster Review | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| MONTHLY. | | | | | | |
| All the Year Round | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Animal World | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... |
| Argosy | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Atlantic Monthly | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Band of Hope Review | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | ... |
| § Band of Hope Treasury | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Belgravia | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Blackwood's Magazine | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| § British Evangelist | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| British Mail | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ... |
| British Workman | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | ... |
| Cassell's Family Magazine | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Chambers' Journal | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| § Church Missionary Juvenile Instructor | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| § Church Missionary Intelligencer | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Church Missionary Gleaner | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| § Church of England Temperance Chronicle | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Contemporary Review | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| § Cope's Tobacco Plant | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Cornhill Magazine | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| § Cottager and Artizan | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| § Dietetic Reformer | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Educational Guide | ... | 2 | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Educational Times | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... |
| Englishwoman's Review | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 |
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The Report of the Committee in charge of

# FRIENDS' FREE READING ROOM
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In presenting their Report for the past year, the Committee in charge of the Library feel that there is cause for encouragement in the continued evidences of appreciation that have attended it since its establishment.

A particularly pleasing feature of our Reading Room is the number of operatives that avail themselves of its advantages, and in the purchase of books we are desirous of consulting the taste of this class of readers.

In this connection we might remark, that in order to keep the Library as complete in the various de-

partments of literature as possible, there is on the Librarian's table a book in which the title of any work that is desired may be entered, with such comments as would enable the Committee to judge of its character, and if after examination it is deemed suitable, it will be purchased. The growing interest manifesting itself throughout the country in public libraries is a proof of mental progress on the part of the people which is very gratifying, and is, perhaps, a natural out-growth of our system of public school education. Therefore, in view of the influence that public libraries have in training the minds of our people, we feel that it is an important subject for the consideration of those in charge of such institutions, whether a decided stand should not be taken against the so general introduction of works of fiction, and when we remember that a large percentage of the readers of this class of literature is among the young, and that its tendency is to destroy a relish for sound and more improving reading, we can hardly appreciate the injury which may thus be unconsciously done.

The Committee are glad to be able to state that although the cases are open and their contents fully

accessible, the per centage of loss is exceedingly small.

In conclusion, we feel that our thanks are due to those whose voluntary contributions have enabled us to bring the Library to its present flourishing condition, It is open, free of charge, to all of both sexes who are properly recommended, and we are convinced must materially affect the literary advancement of our town's people.

It gives us pleasure to record the continued valuable services of our Librarian and his assistant, who are ever ready to welcome either the transient or the regular reader.

For details of the working of the Library for the past year we refer to the following

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The Librarian presents the following Report: —

During the past summer, the attendance at the Library and Reading Room was perceptably in-

terfered with by the Centennial Exhibition drawing to it some of those who have commonly resorted to our Room at that time. So many of our citizens were occupied in visiting the halls of that wonderful collection, that we could not expect other than a falling off of the attendance here. The statistics offered below will, however, show that our visitors have returned in quite gratifying numbers to the use of our Room and Books.

We could but note how many applications were made for information on questions induced by objects observed at West Philadelphia, showing the advantage of having so well selected a library in our midst, as tending to lead readers into habits of thought and study.

Through the kindness of our Representative at Congress, and the public authorities at Washington, several volumes of scientific value have been placed on our shelves. These, and the purchases made during the past year, have added 287 volumes to our collection, making the number of books belonging to the Library 7638. A few of these were purchased to replace worn out books, mostly children's. Young

readers are necessarily more destructive in their use of books than older persons, yet we are glad to say that their care of the volumes they take out is greater than we could have anticipated. Indeed, they form one of our most interesting classes of applicants, and under the liberality extended to them in the use of the Library, their numbers are increasing. While it is an interesting problem how these youthful readers may be led from childish, to better and more instructive works, we feel encouraged in the belief that ours is a safe way to accomplish so desirable an object.

The number of new applicants recorded during the past year was 367. Of these 182 were males and 185 females. There are over 1000 names of readers on our register, most of whom are taking out books at this time; though some are not doing so, we yet look for a renewal of the use of the Library on the part of many of these. Our rule is to erase the accounts of those who by long absence lead us to suppose they will not return.

There are 7 books which appear to have been lost during the year, yet we hope to recover most of them.

Of the 27 volumes reported last year as lost, we recovered all but 12. Our losses arise, mostly, from persons who have books out, moving away and neglecting to bring them back before so doing. A monthly examination is made of our record, and parties delaying the proper return of books on time are notified by a printed postal card. We attribute the smallness of our loss, in part, to our care in this respect.

One of the pleasing sights in our reading department is the number of persons with pencil and paper taking notes on subjects in which they are interested. We frequently have acknowledgments from them of the advantage they have derived from our Library in that way, and are often called on for help in these researches. Such studious visitors, we think are increasing in number as the value of our collection for such purposes becomes more generally known.

The weekly average of visitors for the last month was 465; the largest number in one week, 555. During the time of the Centennial exhibition the average was about 275 per week. On Seventh days we often have as many as 125 or 130 visitors. The number recorded for the year was 15,288.

When we consider that in most of our large Municipal Libraries the reading of fiction averages at least seventy-five per cent of all the volumes furnished, our success in conducting a smaller library with the entire exclusion of such literature is a gratifying and encouraging circumstance.

In conclusion, let me congratulate you on the successful working of our Library and Reading Room during the past year.

Respectfully,

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